

CLAIMS

I claim:

1. A sweatshirt comprising:
a main portion having a front panel, a back panel, a neck opening and pair of arm opening;
said front panel having a slit therein; and
a pouch member having an opening, said opening of said pouch member being operationally coupled to said slit of said front panel, said pouch member being positioned abutting an interior portion of said front panel.
2. The sweatshirt of claim 1, further comprising a closure means for selectively closing said opening of said pouch member.
3. The sweatshirt of claim 2, wherein said closure means further comprises a closure device selected from the group of closure devices consisting of a button/button hole pair, a snap, a zipper, and hook and loop fastener.
4. The sweatshirt of claim 1, wherein said opening of said pouch member being secured to and aligned with said slit in said front panel by stitching a perimeter edge of said pouch member encompassing said opening to a perimeter edge of said slit in said front panel.

5. The sweatshirt of claim 1, further comprising a pair of arm portions operationally secured to said main portion, each one of said pair of arm portions being aligned with an associated one of said pair of arm openings.

6. The sweatshirt of claim 1, further comprising a hood operationally coupled to said main portion.

7. The sweatshirt of claim 1, further comprising an indicia positioned on said front panel.

8. The sweatshirt of claim 1, wherein said pouch member further comprises a pouch front portion and a pouch back portion, said pouch front portion being operationally coupled to said pouch back portion along a bottom edge and two side edges, said top edge being adjacent to said opening, said pouch front portion abutting the interior surface of the front panel, said pouch back portion abutting a chest of a user when said sweatshirt is being worn by the user.

9. The sweatshirt of claim 1, further comprising:
a closure means for selectively closing said opening of said pouch member, said closure means further comprises a closure device selected from the group of closure devices consisting of a button/button hole pair, a snap, a zipper, and hook and loop fastener;

said opening of said pouch member being secured to and aligned with said slit in said front panel by stitching a perimeter edge of said pouch member encompassing said opening to a perimeter edge of said slit in said front panel; and

said pouch member further comprises a pouch front portion and a pouch back portion, said pouch front portion being operationally coupled to said pouch back portion along a bottom edge and two side edges, said top edge being adjacent to said opening, said pouch front portion abutting the interior surface of the front panel, said pouch back portion abutting a chest of a user when said sweatshirt is being worn by the user.

10. A pocket assembly for use on an article of apparel having a front panel and a slit extending therethrough, said assembly comprising a pouch member operationally coupled to an interior surface of the front panel, said pouch member having an opening, said opening being aligned with the slit to permit access from the outside of the article of apparel into the pouch member.

11. The pocket assembly of claim 10, further comprising a closure means for selectively closing said opening of said pouch member.

12. The pocket assembly of claim 11, wherein said closure means further comprises a closure device selected from the group of closure devices consisting of a button/button hole pair, a snap, a zipper, and hook and loop fastener.

13. The pocket assembly of claim 10, wherein said opening of said pouch member being secured to and aligned with said slit in said front panel by stitching a perimeter edge of said pouch member encompassing said opening to a perimeter edge of said slit in said front panel.

14. The pocket assembly of claim 10, wherein said pouch member further comprises a pouch front portion and a pouch back portion, said pouch front portion being operationally coupled to said pouch back portion along a bottom edge and two side edges, said top edge being adjacent to said opening, said pouch front portion abutting the interior surface of the front panel of the article of apparel, said pouch back portion abutting a chest of a user when the article of apparel is being worn by the user.

15. A method of manufacturing a pocketed sweatshirt comprising:

- providing a sweatshirt having a main portion with a front panel, a back panel, a neck opening and pair of arm opening;

- providing a quantity of sweatshirt material;

- cutting a slit in said front panel;

- forming a pouch member using said quantity of sweatshirt material, said pouch member having a pouch front portion and a pouch back portion;

- operationally coupling said pouch front portion to said pouch back portion along a bottom edge and two side edges whereby an opening is formed in said pouch member along a top edge;

- positioning said pouch front portion to abut an interior surface of said front panel;

- aligning said opening of said pouch member with said slit in said front panel;

- operationally coupling said pouch member along a perimeter edge of said opening to a perimeter edge of said front panel encompassing said slit.

16. The method of claim 15, further comprising the step of providing a closure means to selectively close said opening of said pouch member.

17. The method of claim 16, wherein said closure means further comprises a closure device selected from the group of closure devices consisting of a button/button hole pair, a snap, a zipper, and hook and loop fastener.

18. The method of claim 15, further comprising the step of placing an indicia on said front panel of said sweatshirt.